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SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" May I know what the nature of work is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The nature of work is sinking of drinking-water wells and deepening of wells."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Out of the allotment made, may I know how much amount has actually been spent? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No up-to-date information is available and it won't be available till the year is out."

Gazetted Officers in Pudukkottai State.

* 190 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted officers of all departments in the former Pudukkottai State in 1947 before 3rd March 1948; and

(*b*) the number of Gazetted officers in all departments after 1st January 1949?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) There were 24 posts of Gazetted Officers including the Dewan and two Councillors in Pudukkottai during the period from 1st January 1947 to the date of merger (3rd March 1948).

" (*b*) From 1st January 1949 there have been 36 Gazetted posts including the post of one Income Tax Officer which is a Central Government post and also one post of Special Deputy Collector for Land Acquisition for Arantangi-Karaikudi Railway at Pudukkottai, since abolished from 31st December 1952."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many officers under clause (*a*) (Gazetted Officer's rank) have been given continuity of tenure under clause (*b*) (after the merger of the Pudukottai State)? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have a long list which, I confess, I cannot quite understand. If the hon. Member wants information which he does not have already and if he writes to me, I shall analyse and send it."

9 a.m. SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the number of Scheduled Castes members employed in the two categories of Gazetted Officers? "

THE HON SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry the hon. Member did not warn me that he would go into this matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know what the exact necessity was for increasing the number of Gazetted Officers from 24 to 36 within these two years? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is generally believed that the new administration has to be more efficient than the older one."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" If the number given in reply to clause (*a*) of the question, viz., 24, excludes the dewan and the two councillors, will not the number already under the present set-up have increased disproportionately? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A certain number of people had to be re-absorbed. For instance, there were the Sub-Judges and so on. We have to re-absorb them. I think the exigencies of absorption must have increased the number to some extent. Moreover, a new administration will be required to do a new kind of work and so probably some have been added. If, however, a question is put with reference to the idea that there had been an unnecessary increase, it may be put separately and I will be able to enquire."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Consequent on the merger, is there any case of the seniority of any gazetted judicial officer of the State having been affected in the matter of promotion? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is possible; as I said before, if any particular grievance is felt and if the hon. Members are inclined to help them out of the grievances, they may write to me."

Co-operative Training Institute for Malabar.

* 191 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have deferred the proposal of starting a separate Co-operative Training Institute for Malabar and, if so, why?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Yes, Sir. The proposal has been deferred in view of the existing financial stringency."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that there are Co-operative Training Institutes in Andhra, Rayalaseema and Madras and, if so, may I know why they have not started a Co-operative Training Institute so far in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, we are aware that there are Co-operative Training Institutes both in Andhra and in Madras, but we are also aware of the fact that there is an institute at Coimbatore which the people coming from Malabar can avail of."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the total expenditure that will have to be incurred in case such an institute is opened in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I am speaking from memory when I say that it will roughly be about Rs. 6,000."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that co-operative movement in Malabar has progressed to a great extent, in view of the fact that there will be considerable language difficulty if the Malayalees are admitted in the Coimbatore Institute